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ARIZONA TROOPS TO TEACHERS – A BRIEF OVERVIEW

As an extension of the Department of Defense Troops to Teachers (DOD-T₃), the Arizona Program provides information tailored to the individual pursuing a career in public education specifically in Arizona. In this regard, the Arizona T₃ and the Arizona Department of Education Certification Unit have formed a cooperative alliance to assist DOD military and civilian employees in leveraging significant education, training, and experience in order to meet qualifications for certification as a teacher, administrator, or education professional.

The primary function of Arizona Troops to Teachers is to assist participants in qualifying for an appropriate certificate and to help identify employment opportunities in the state. Working closely with the Arizona Office of T₃, the Certification Unit carefully evaluates applicants' military education, training, and experience, and verifies compliance with State Board of Education rules for certification. This assures that T₃ applicants are certified only after files have been evaluated with the same scrutiny and rigor as those belonging to all other teacher-applicants.

Specialists in the Certification Unit will evaluate all applications under Troops to Teachers Program. Please note the importance of submitting ALL supporting materials at the time of initial application. The review of applications by a specialist will involve evaluating not only academic transcripts but also records of military and professional education, training, and experiences. Care and completeness in providing supplemental information will be of fundamental importance to the evaluation process since some applicants, in contrast to others who have selected a specific certificate, may need certification career counseling to identify options for which they might qualify. There is, therefore, a special need for adequate information that clearly identifies credentials that directly equate to requirements for certification outlined in Board rules.

The Office of Arizona Troops to Teachers and the Certification Unit jointly are committed to the success of this program. Efforts historically directed to the certification of teacher-applicants from society at large are also being devoted to developing the military component as a viable source of well-educated, dedicated citizens whose experience, focus, and professional maturity can add significantly to the quality of education for Arizona's children. The Nation's veterans represent more than a minority cross-section of society; they clearly are a resource that can be tapped for their potential to contribute to the advancement of education and to the development of students throughout the State.

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION AND CAREFULLY COMPLETE THE ATTACHED APPLICATION.

Remove this instruction and information section before submitting your application. <u>Please note that the Certification Unit will be unable to retain a copy of documents related to this request.</u> If a return of these documents is desired, please enclose with your application a large self-addressed envelope with prepaid postage to cover mailing.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION.

The Certification Unit will conduct an evaluation of credentials to accomplish the following purposes: 1) Verify that requirements for the requested certificate have been satisfied and 2) Identify any additional prerequisites that must be met before a specific certificate can be issued. In the event that the applicant is not qualified for a certificate, a copy of the evaluation will be provided to the applicant.

All required materials must accompany this application before an evaluation can commence. Necessary materials include:

- A. Completed application with all questions answered and the required signature.
- B. Official transcript(s).
- C. Notarized copy of valid teaching certificates held in other states, if required.
- D. Verification of employment or experience, if required, on letterhead correspondence.
- E. Money order, cashiers check or personal check **ONLY** for the <u>exact</u> amount due. <u>Absolutely NO CASH will be accepted</u>.
- F. Arizona Class I or Class II Fingerprint Clearance Card obtained from AZ DPS at 602-223-2279. If you have a valid AZ certificate, no fingerprint card is needed.

SECTION 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION. Type or print in black or blue ink, and record your full legal name. Your Social Security number is used for identification only. Indicate your present mailing address, and please note that the applicant is responsible for notifying the Troops to Teachers Office of a change in name, mailing address, E-mail address or telephone number since these are the only means available to contact you if the need arises.

SECTION 2 – TYPE OF CERTIFICATION AND FEES. Please note that <u>each request for</u> certificate or endorsement requires a <u>non-refundable fee</u>, then follow these steps: <u>1</u>) Review the detailed requirements for each certificate being requested at <u>www.ade.az.gov/certification</u> <u>2</u>) Select the type of certificate being requested by marking the appropriate box. <u>3</u>) Calculate the total cost and remit by personal check or money order the full amount due. Absolutely no cash will be accepted. Prerequisites for all Arizona teaching, administrative, and professional certificates can be viewed and downloaded from the Web site.

SECTION 3 – EDUCATION, STUDENT TEACHING AND INTERNSHIPS. List all accredited institutions attended. If necessary, please include an additional sheet. For each institution listed, include an <u>official transcript</u> bearing the seal or stamp of the Registrar. Applicants with degrees conferred outside the United States must have transcripts evaluated and approved by a firm that specializes in evaluating foreign academic transcripts/records. Both the original and translated documents must be submitted with the application. Please see www.ade.az.gov/certification to verify requirements.

SECTION 4 – PROFESSIONAL/TEACHING EXPERIENCE. In some instances, professional, or teaching experience may substitute for another requirement, such as eight semester hours of practicum. If used, "teaching experience" means full-time employment with full responsibility for the planning and presentation of instruction, and the evaluation of student learning. Substitute teaching is not included in this definition. When used to support the application, experience must be verified in writing on official letterhead by the district superintendent, a commanding officer, chief executive officer, personnel director or designee. The areas of experience, dates, and grade levels taught (if applicable) also must be included in the letter. For holders of a valid certificate from another state, please submit a notarized copy of the certificate with the application. Please see www.ade.az.gov/certification to view specific details related to various certificates.

SECTION 5 – CRIMINAL HISTORY. All questions must be answered before the application can be processed. Please read each question carefully and understand that a "yes" to a question does not necessarily result in denial of a certificate. However, for each "yes" answer, a complete description of the incident and the outcome <u>must</u> be signed and attached to the application. The veracity of your answers is essential. State law classifies false statements, representations, or certifications classified as misdemeanor offenses. For an explanation of any question, contact the Investigative Unit at (602) 542-2972.

FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE: To qualify for certification, <u>teachers must possess a valid Class 1 or Class 2</u> <u>Fingerprint (FP) Clearance Card</u> issued by Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS). Application forms for a FP Card

are available at DPS or, as a courtesy, at the Certification Unit. However, the applicant must submit the card application direct to DPS. If applying from one of 19 approved states, the rules of reciprocity <u>may</u> allow the applicant to submit proof of an application for a FP Card in lieu of presenting the actual card. If so, the applicant may sign a form attesting to having been fingerprinted for teacher certification in one of the approved states. Please see the Web site for a list of participating states. Please call DPS at (602) 223-2279 for Fingerprint Processing time.

SECTION 6 – SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION. Use of the checklist below is highly recommended to verify the completeness of the application. Please understand that <u>an incomplete or incorrect application</u>, of necessity, will prevent the Certification Unit from processing your request. Applications may be submitted by mail or in person to the Troops to Teachers office between 8:00 and 4:30, Monday through Friday. However, from 8:30 to 4:30, <u>over-the-counter service will need to be limited to the following types of certification applications</u>: Renewal, Substitute, Emergency Substitute, Adult Education, Conversion of Provisional to Standard, Extension, removal of deficiencies, name change, JROTC, duplicate copy, and certificates based upon an institutional recommendation. Other <u>applications will be processed as soon as possible in the order received</u>.

SECTION 7 – CHECKLIST. This checklist is provided to assist in preparing a complete application. <u>Please assure all required information and support materials are included</u>. Know also that the <u>Certification Unit will be unable to retain copies of materials</u> submitted with this application. <u>If a return of these documents is desired, please enclose with your application a large self-addressed envelope with prepaid postage to cover mailing</u>. It is recommended that the appropriate blocks be completed below.

I have:

Provided <u>all requested information</u> listed on the application to include personal information, education, and professional experience.
Indicated clearly and accurately those specific services for which I am applying.
Calculated the <u>correct total fee</u> and have paid by money order, cashiers check, or personal check. NO CASH.
Included official transcripts from all accredited colleges/universities, if applicable.
Provided verification of past employment and/or experience, if applicable.
Recorded my Social Security number on all attachments to this application.
Answered all criminal history questions and included explanations as necessary.
Received from DPS a valid Class 1 or Class 2 Fingerprint Clearance Card, OR
I have a valid Arizona certificate.
Read, understand, signed and dated the statement of affirmation on the last page.

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<u>Submit \$60 for each box checked</u>. (Includes \$30 for the evaluation and \$30 for the certificate.) Please write your Social Security Number on the check. If qualified and correct payment is included, a certificate or endorsement will be issued for each box checked.

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I UNDERSTAND THAT PURSUANT TO ARS § 15-534, ANY PERSON WHO MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT, REPRESENTATION OR CERTIFICATION IN ANY APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE. I SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION COMPLETED BY ME, OR SUBMITTED BY ME FOR CERTIFICATION PURPOSES IS, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, TRUE AND CORRECT. FURTHERMORE, SHOULD ANY PART OR ALL OF THE INFORMATION HEREIN PROVIDED PROVE TO BE FALSE, I RECOGNIZE THAT IT SHALL BE JUST CAUSE FOR REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, OR OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO ME BY THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. FURTHER, I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS MY PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN COPIES OF DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THIS REQUEST AND THAT THE CERTIFICATION UNIT WILL BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE THAT SERVICE FOR ME.